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New Literature

The most important books listed in these columns will receive notice in the book-review pages.

OLD TESTAMENT

BOOKS

BARTON, C. A. Commentary on the Book of Job. [The Bible for Home and School.]

New York: Macmillan, 1911. Pp. xi+321. \$0.90.

An excellent book for the general reader. The problems raised by a critical study of the book are frankly faced and freely discussed. The introduction is exceptionally good, being very full for so simple a commentary and at the same time very clear.

BROWN, J. History of the English Bible. [Cambridge Manuals of Science and Literature.] New York: Putnam, 1911. Pp. 136. \$0.40.

A very skilfully constructed story of the making of the English Bible. The main course of the history is clearly conceived and concisely presented, so that any reader at the expense of a couple of hours may put himself in possession of the facts we all should know. Ten illustrations do much for the attractiveness of the book.

NEW TESTAMENT

BOOKS

BARTH, FRITZ. Die Hauptprobleme des Lebens Jesu. Eine geschichtliche Untersuchung. Vierte Auflage. Gütersloh: Bertelsmann, 1911. Pp. viii+333. M. 4.80.

A new edition, not greatly changed, of a work which appeared first in 1899, and has been widely read. Barth deals with Jesus' teaching as to the Kingdom of God, Jesus' attitude toward the Old Testament, the miracles, his prophecy of the future, his death and resurrection, and his self-consciousness.

JACQUIER, E. Le Nouveau Testament dans l'Eglise Chrétienne. Tome Premier: Préparation, formation et définition du canon du Nouveau Testament. Paris: Lecoffre, 1911. Pp. 450. Fr. 3.50.

Abbé Jacquier, professor of Sacred Scripture in the Catholic faculty at Lyons, well known as a scholarly writer on New Testament themes, has produced a sketch of the history of the New Testament canon from its beginning to the present time. While he writes as a Catholic and frankly says that "for us Catholics the canon of the New Testament has been definitively closed by the Council of Trent," he shows wide acquaintance with Protestant works on the subject, and constantly cites them in an open-minded and intelligent way. This volume on the canon is to be followed by one on the text of the New Testament.

RÜCKER, ADOLF. Die Lukas-Homilien des Hl. Cyrill von Alexandrien. Ein Beitrag zur Geschichte der Exegese. Breslau: Goerlich & Coch, 1911. Pp. 102. M. \$3.50.

Dr. Rücker discusses the text of Cyril's Homilies on the Gospel of Luke, adding some new textual material from Berlin Syriac manuscripts, and treats the New Testament text which they reflect (Alexandrian, and akin to Sinaiticus) and the somewhat allegorical character of their exegesis.